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I—DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 25 July 1963, the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action against an enemy is awarded posthumously to—

First Lieutenant *John R. Fox*, , United States Army, who distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism against an armed enemy in the vicinity of Sommocolonia, Italy, on 26 December 1944, while serving as a member of Cannon Company, 366th Infantry Regiment, 92d Infantry Division. During the preceding few weeks, Lieutenant Fox served with the 598th Field Artillery Battalion as a forward observer. On Christmas night, enemy soldiers gradually infiltrated the town of Sommocolonia in civilian clothes, and by early morning the town was largely in hostile hands. Commencing with a heavy barrage of enemy artillery at 0400 hours on 26 December 1944, an organized attack by uniformed German units began. Being greatly outnumbered, most of the United States infantry forces were forced to withdraw from the town, but Lieutenant Fox and some other members of his observer party voluntarily remained on the second floor of a house to direct defensive artillery fire. At 0800 hours, Lieutenant Fox reported that the Germans were in the streets and attacking in strength. He then called for defensive artillery fire to slow the enemy advance. As the Germans continued to press the attack towards the area that Lieutenant Fox occupied, he adjusted the artillery fire closer and closer to his position. Finally, he was warned that the next adjustment would bring the deadly artillery fire right on top of his position. After acknowledging the danger, Lieutenant Fox insisted that the last adjustment be fired as this was the only way to defeat the attacking enemy soldiers. Later, when a counterattack retook the position from the Germans, Lieutenant Fox's body was found along with the bodies of approximately 100 German soldiers. Lieutenant Fox's gallant and courageous actions, at the supreme sacrifice of his own life, contributed greatly to delaying the enemy advance until other infantry and artillery units could reorganize to repel the attack. His extraordinarily valorous actions were in keeping with the most cherished traditions of military service, and reflect the utmost credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army. (This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-30, AR 672-5-1.)

II—SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, a Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to—

Sergeant First Class *William C. Brown*, , United States

Army, for heroism on 15 March 1971, while a member of the 984th Engineer Land Clearing Company, 62d Engineer, Battalion, Vietnam. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraphs 1-13 and 1-30, AR 672-5-1.

Corporal *James M. Costa*, , United States Army, for heroism on 19 July 1953 while a member of Company F, 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, Korea. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraphs 1-13 and 1-30, AR 672-5-1.

III—LEGION OF MERIT. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services is awarded to—

General *Sverre Ludvig Borgund Hamre*, Army of Norway, February 1978 to November 1981.

General *Necdet Ozturun*, Turkish Army, 30 August 1980 to 31 October 1981.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved on 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services is awarded to—

Colonel *Karl Pfeiffer*, Army of the Federal Republic of Germany, November 1973 to September 1981.

Major General *Rolf Helmut Schroeder*, , Army of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1 October 1977 to 31 March 1982.

Lieutenant General *Necip Torumtay*, Turkish Army, 30 August 1980 to 31 October 1981.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Degree of Legionnaire) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services is awarded to—

Brigadier General *Horst Albrecht*, , Army of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1 October 1979 to 1 October 1981.

Lieutenant Colonel *Klaus A. Wolfhagen*, , Army of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1 April 1978 to 30 September 1981.

IV—SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded to—

Sergeant First Class *David W. Burton*, , United States Army, for heroism on 17 August 1981, while a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry, 2d Infantry Division, in the Republic of Korea.

Specialist Five *Richard A. Halbur*, , United States Army, for heroism on 30 October 1981, while a member of the 5th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant *George Kingston*, , United States Army, for heroism on 5 August 1981, while a member of L Troop, 3/3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Specialist Four *Wallace G. Lawrence*, , United States Army, for heroism on 17 August 1981, while a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry, 2d Infantry Division, in the Republic of Korea.

Sergeant First Class *Wilfred D. Meek*, , United States Army, for heroism on 5 August 1981, while a member of the United States Army Readiness Group, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Staff Sergeant *Claude J. Smith*, , United States Army, for heroism on 17 August 1981, while a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry, 2d Infantry Division, in the Republic of Korea.

V—ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 2-18, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service is awarded to—

Lieutenant Colonel *Wolfgang Bappert*, , Army of the Federal Republic of Germany, 5 October 1977 to 3 September 1981.

Major *Klaus Billman*, 150740-B-61616, Army of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1 April 1978 to 1 October 1981.

Major *Oscar A. Caballero-Castillo*, , Peruvian Army, 6 January 1980 to 31 December 1980.

First Lieutenant *Federico Olechea-Vasquez*, , Army of Panama, 19 January 1981 to 18 December 1981.

Lieutenant Colonel *Uwe H. Pradel*, , Army of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1 April 1979 to 1 March 1982.

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